

**2013 TOWN OF UNION
WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

MUNICIPAL ELECTION
June 11, 2013 – TUESDAY
8:00 a.m. TO 8:00 p.m.
Wm. Pullen Municipal Building

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
June 17, 2013 - MONDAY
7:00 p.m.
Wm. Pullen Municipal Building

TO: Walter Rich, Resident of the Town of Union, in the County of Knox.

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Union in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the WM. PULLEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING in said Town on TUESDAY, the Eleventh day of JUNE , A.D., 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in the morning, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below;

And to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the WM. PULLEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING in said Town on MONDAY, the SEVENTEENTH day of JUNE, A.D., 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the evening, then and there to act on Articles 3 through 49 as set out below, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

ARTICLE 2. To elect all necessary Municipal Officers/Officials and School Committee Members as are required to be elected.

Polls shall be opened at 08:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m. Absentee Ballots will be processed at 2:00 P.M., 3:00 P.M., 4:00 P.M., and 7:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 3. To choose all other necessary Municipal Officials, or act thereon.

ONE TRUSTEE of the CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS—Keith Hilt’s term expires (Three-year term).

FOUR MEMBERS OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE Scot Sabins, Laura Curtis, Terry Brackett and John Field (3 Year terms)

ONE TRUSTEE of the WILLIAM PULLEN FUND—Anita Brown’s term expires. (four-year term)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will RAISE AND APPROPRIATE an amount not to exceed \$10,000, for the purpose of consolidating town ordinances or act thereon.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0 BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 9-0-1

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen, with a 4/5th vote, to transfer up to 10% of unexpended balances between accounts as needed , or act thereon.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0 BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 6-4

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town wishes to change the Code Enforcement Office from a full time position to a part time position or act thereon.

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE for the Code Enforcement Office for fiscal year 2013-2014 or act thereon. Full Time \$41,000 ¾ time \$31,000.00 Half time \$23,000.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND (amounts only) 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FULL TIME 7-3**

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE the sum of \$10,000 for the replacement of the storage shed at the Public Works garage or act thereon.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0 BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 9-0-1

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Manager to apply, on behalf of the Town, for state financing assistance under provisions of the Boating Facility Fund, Title 12 MRSA 1896 and 1899 for the renovation of the boat ramp and new dock at Ayer Park and further authorize the Selectmen or their designee to enter into the Boating Facility Fund Project Agreement with the State subsequent to state approval of the project.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FULL TIME 7-3**

ARTICLE 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE for fiscal year 2013-2014 for the following, or act thereon:

	<u>2013</u> <u>REQUEST</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>REQUEST</u>
A. Union Senior Citizens	\$500	\$500
B. Come Spring Food Pantry	\$800	\$1,000
C. Vose Library	\$20,700	\$21,700
	<u>\$22,000</u>	<u>\$23,200</u>

**SELECTMEN MAKE NO RECOMMENDATION 3-2
BUDGET COMMITTEE-RECOMMENDS 11-0**

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE for fiscal year 2013-2014 for the following, or act thereon:

AGENCY REQUEST	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
A. Spectrum Generations (Formerly Senior Spectrum)	\$1,676	\$ 1,676
B. New Hope For Women	\$ 995	\$ 995
C. Kno-Wal-Lin	\$2,319	\$ 0
D. Coastal Trans.	\$1,100	\$ 0
E. Penquis (Formerly Coastal CAP)	\$4,023	\$ 3,123
F. PBMC Psychiatry	\$2,209	\$ 0
G. Broadreach	\$500	\$ 500
H. Midcoast Community Action	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
	\$13,822	\$7,294

SELECTMEN MAKE NO RECOMMENDATION 3-2
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 11-0

ARTICLE 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE FROM the I.C. THURSTON FUND an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the UNION ASSISTANCE FUND or act thereon: (2013-\$5,000.00)

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 10-0

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to fix the salaries of the officials appointed by them under provision of MRSA Title 30-A, Section 2601, subsection 1 & 2, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE the sum of \$57,030.00. , to fund the contract for dispatching services with the Knox Regional Communication Center, or act thereon. (2013-\$56,429.00)

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 4-1
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-2-1

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to APPROPRIATE FROM FUND BALANCE an amount not to exceed \$6,000 to be used to cover Tax Abatements for the fiscal year of 2013-2014. (2013- \$6,000.00)

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 10-0

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell Tax Acquired Property, and to give quit-claim deeds thereof. Sales to other than the former record titleholder, his or her heirs, devisees or assigns shall be by the best means available to obtain the maximum price.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the fiscal year 2014 not yet due or assessed and no interest to accrue, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 505 (4), will vote that property taxes shall be delinquent if not paid by November 15, 2013 and May 15, 2014 and that interest at the rate of 7% per annum shall be charged on all delinquent property taxes, or act thereon. If the due dates fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or Holiday, then the due date will fall on the next business day and interest will start the day after.

NOTE: The Board of Selectmen recommend due dates of November 15, 2013 and May 15, 2014 and interest due dates of November 16, 2013 and May 16, 2014 at 7% Taxpayers' names will appear in the Town Report if taxes are not paid by the close of business on May 15, 2014.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7% 10-0

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to set a rate of interest to be paid on the overpayment of abated taxes from the date of overpayment, or act thereon. (Maximum 7% Minimum 3%per annum) *Explanation: If taxes are paid and later abated, the Town must refund the abated taxes and pay interest on them.*

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 3% 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 3% 10-0

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to use the proceeds of any payment on insurance claims, for damage occurring to Town property in the fiscal year 2013-2014, to be allocated to the municipal department whose goods or equipment were damaged, and appropriate any such insurance payment to repair or replace the damaged goods or equipment, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town of Union will vote to approve a Community Block Grant Application and/or a Quality Community Grant Application and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development or the Maine Department of Transportation, and if a grant is approved, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept said grant funds and to expend grant funds for the purpose of the grant, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as is necessary and reasonable to implement such a program, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town of Union will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit applications for grants and if a grant is approved, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept said grant funds and to expend grant funds for the purposes of the grant, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such a program, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to assess the Town of Washington the sum of \$9732.02, the Town of Hope the sum of \$4907.87, and the Town of Appleton the sum of \$9237.65 for ambulance services in the coming fiscal year 2013-2014, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Union Ambulance Department and Union Fire Department to expend monies raised by them for equipment and other operational expenses, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to disburse money received from the State Snowmobile Refund from the registration of snowmobiles to the Appleton Trail Makers, Inc., (Appleton) and the Hatchet Mountain Snowriders Snowmobile Club, (Hope) 1/2 to each club – for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails in Union, to be open for the use of the public at all times while they are snow covered, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry over and expend into the fiscal year 2013-2014 the unexpended balances plus any additional interest and income minus any expenses accrued thereon of the following accounts, or act thereon:

A. Ambulance Department Donations	\$ 2,000.00
B. I.C. Thurston Fund	\$41,000.00
C. Fire Department Donations	\$ 300.00
D. Ambulance Income	\$30,000.00
E. Animal Control	<u>\$ 1,044.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 74,344.00

These are estimated amounts at the time of printing, actual amounts will be presented at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE for the fiscal year 2013-2014 budget for the following purposes, or act thereon:

	<u>2013</u> <u>APPROP.</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>APPROP.</u>
A. Administration	\$ 63,100	\$64,900
B. Pullen Bldg. Maintenance	31,500	30,500
C. Assessors	27,900	27,900
D. Stipends	5,650	5,650
E. Office Personnel	139,299	163,569
F. Insurances	111,700	110,750
G. Town Maintenance	9,200	9,200
H. Hydrant Rental	12,500	13,375
I. TCSWMO	43,951	45,000
J. Septic Waste Contract	2,300	2,300
K. Planning Dept./Codes	47,074	6,075
L. Fire Department	57,310	57,990
M. Street Lights	5,700	5,700
N. Common Green Maintenance	5,000	5,000
O. Budget Committee	300	300
P. Birdhouses	1,200	1,200
Q. Founder's Day Committee	1,200	1,200
R. Town Retirement Match	10,000	10,000
S. Emergency Management	3,225	3,675
T. Social Security	37,320	37,320
U. TAN Interest	500	500
TOTAL TO BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED	\$ 615,929	\$ 602,124

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 4-1
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 10-0

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$5,000 for the salary of the Treasurer for the fiscal year 2013-2014, or act thereon:

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
TOTAL TO BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED	\$37,822	\$5,000

SELECTMEN RECOMMENT 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 6-3-1

ARTICLE 29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE FROM EXCISE TAX AND RAISE AND APPROPRIATE FROM THE SOURCES LISTED BELOW for Public Works Programs for the fiscal year 2013-2014 or act thereon:

PUBLIC WORKS	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Excise Tax	\$330,000	\$341,449
From Raise and Appropriation	\$68,908	\$ 68,900
Revenue Salt Sand Sales	<u>\$34,000</u>	<u>\$ 34,000</u>
__TOTAL BUDGET	\$432,908	\$444,349

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 11-0**

ARTICLE 30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE FROM THE SOURCES LISTED BELOW AND RAISE AND APPROPRIATE for paving and road construction for the fiscal year 2013-2014, or act thereon:

PAVING/ROAD CONSTRUCTION	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Appropriated From Urban Rural Initiative Program	\$58,000	\$ 58,000
Raised and Appropriated	\$164,600	\$192,000
Other Revenue (Fund Balance)	<u>75,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
- TOTAL BUDGET	\$297,600	\$300,000

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 11-0**

ARTICLE 31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE FROM THE SOURCES LISTED BELOW for Ambulance Operations for the fiscal year 2013-2014, or act thereon:

AMBULANCE	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Raised And Appropriated for Union's Assessment	\$ 11,912.00	\$15,991.46
Appropriated From Washington Assessment	7,241.95	9732.02
Appropriated From Appleton Assessment	6,900.00	9237.65
Appropriated From Hope Assessment	3,661.00	4907.87
Appropriated From Ambulance Revenue	95,000.00	107,000.00
From Carry Over	<u>52,894.05</u>	<u>20,740.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$176,600	\$167,609.00

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0 BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 10-0-1

ARTICLE 32. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE, and APPROPRIATE FROM ANTICIPATED REVENUE for the listed reserve accounts and to expend as needed for the fiscal year 2013-2014 or act thereon:

	<u>BY APPROP.</u>	<u>ANTICIP. REV.</u>
A. Highway Equipment Reserve	\$45,000	
B. Ambulance Vehicle Reserve		\$20,000
C. Ambulance Equipment Reserve		1,000
D. Fire Truck Reserve	\$40,000	
E. Fire Equipment Reserve	\$ 5,000	
F. Cemetery Reserve	\$ 5,000	
G. Bridge Repair	<u>\$ 3,000</u>	
TOTALS	\$98,000	\$21,000

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 10-0-1**

ARTICLE 33. Shall the Ordinance entitled “ Budget Committee Ordinance” be amended.
A copy of which is attached to this warrant

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell Surplus Fire, Ambulance and Highway Department Equipment and appropriate the proceeds from the sale back to the Respective Departments Equipment Reserve Account, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 35. To see what sum the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE AND APPROPRIATE FROM SOURCES LISTED BELOW for Animal Control for the fiscal year 2013-2014, or act thereon:

ANIMAL CONTROL	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Raised and Appropriated	\$15,869.54	\$16,450.00
Appropriated From Appleton Assessment	9202.75	\$ 9,502.00
Appropriated From Hope Assessment	<u>9831.31</u>	<u>\$10,098.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 34,903.60	\$36,050.00

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0 BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 11-0

ARTICLE 36. To see what sum the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE AND APPROPRIATE FROM SOURCES LISTED BELOW for Parks and Recreation for the fiscal year 2013-2014, or act thereon:

PARKS & RECREATION	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Raised and Appropriated	\$6,000	\$8,000
Appropriated From Jos. Pullen Invest.	2,300	\$ 300
Appropriated From Rec. Reserve Account	<u>1,700</u>	<u>\$1700.</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$10,000	\$10,000

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0 BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 10-1

ARTICLE 37. To see what sum the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE FROM THE SOURCES LISTED BELOW for General Assistance for the fiscal year 2013-2014, or act thereon:

GENERAL ASSISTANCE	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Appropriated From State of Maine Reimb.	\$5,000	\$5,000
Appropriated From the I.C. Thurston Fund	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$10,000	\$10,000

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0 BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 11-0

ARTICLE 38. To see what sum the Town will vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE AND APPROPRIATE FROM THE SOURCES LISTED BELOW for Cemeteries for the fiscal year 2013-2014, or act thereon:

CEMETERIES	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Raised and Appropriated	\$32,293	\$32,209
Appropriated from Perpetual Care	<u>\$ 4,257</u>	<u>\$ 4,341</u>
	\$36,550	\$36,550

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 4-1 BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 11-0

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate the sum of \$2000 from Cable Franchise Fees received for fiscal year 2013-2014, to be used for preparation of material for public awareness, through CATV Channel 99, Town of Union Website, or whatever means deemed appropriate, or act thereon.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0 BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 11-0

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, or otherwise dispose of equipment and Town property with a value less than \$2,000 per item after appraisal for fiscal year 2013-2014, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to take the following amounts from income and interest earned on the respective scholarship accounts, to fund a scholarship(s) to be awarded in the year 2013-2014, or act thereon.

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
A: Robert H. & Eleanor S. Heald Fund	\$16,500	\$18,750
B: William L. Pullen Fund	\$18,000	\$16,502
C: Gilbert Doughty Memorial Fund	\$ 200	\$ 170
D: Union Alumni Fund	\$ 300	\$ 234
E: Frank D. & Gertrude N. Rowe Fund	\$ 300	\$ 241
F: Raymond Thurston & Belle Thurston Kinniston Fund	\$ 1,200	\$1,200
TOTAL	\$35,300	\$35,897

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0 BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 11-0
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS, 3-0 PULLEN COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDS 6-0**

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE from the William Pullen Trust the following sums or act thereon:

A: Vose Library \$500.00

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0 BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 11-0
PULLEN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 5-0-1**

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE from Fund Balance up to the amount of \$ 143,000 to reduce the tax commitment for 2013-2014 or act thereon:

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0 BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 11-0

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING General Fund revenue sources to be used toward the 2013-2014 budget appropriations of the Town of Union, thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes, or act thereon.

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
State Revenue Sharing	\$123,000	\$123,000
IC Thurston Fund	\$10,000	\$ 10,000
Other Revenue fees and interest	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>
TOTAL	\$158,000	\$158,000

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND 5-0 BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 11-0

ARTICLE 45. To see what sum the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to APPROPRIATE FROM UNDESIGNATED FUNDS to cover fiscal year 2012-2014 overdrafts or act thereon.

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| 1. Treasurer Salary | \$ 6,000.00 |
| 2. Admin- Audit | \$ 3,000.00 |
| 3. TCSWMO | \$ 1,000.00 |

**These figures are estimates at the time of printing, updated figures will be available at Town Meeting*

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to permanently increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Union by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 1ST DAY OF MAY, A.D. 2013

UNION BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Elmer L. Savage, Chairman

Sara Moore, Selectman

Lyle J. Cramer, Selectman

Greg Grotton, Selectman

James Justice , Selectman

A True Copy.

Attest:_____
Marcy Corwin, Town Clerk

RESIDENT'S RETURN

KNOX
MAINE, ss.

By virtue of the within Warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Union, qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within named, by posting this Warrant at the following public and conspicuous places within the Town including the Selectmen's Office, at Camden National Bank, Union Common; at the Common Market, Union, Common; at Four Corner Variety, Heald Highway; and at Mic Mac Market, Heald Highway; on the _____ day of June, A.D., 2013, the same being at least seven days prior to the within named meeting.

ATTEST:_____ Walter Rich, Resident

